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Discussed with Primary Examiner Bullock about the pending 112 rejection.

Also discussed with SPE Barr about the 112 rejection, claims, and procedures.

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talked with Helen at (703) 726-6020 and advised that the 112 would be withdrawn if the thermal gradient were to be amended to recite "on the order of 200°C/mm" as in the specification at paragraph 28 AND if there were no art found on a subsequent search